

Latona Survey Report No 56 Recd 20/11/14

The undersigned at the request of Capt Jefferys and
Messrs. Bulger & Co Agents proceeded on board the Barque
Latona 212 tons of Liverpool lying at anchor in Chago Harbor
near Port Chalmers and certify that on reference to the
Log Book we found that the Latona after leaving Timaru
laden with a full cargo of wheat in bags encountered some
heavy weather & made much water & were informed that
at the time the pumps being temporarily choked, there
was three feet of water in the hold & further that on
entering this harbor the vessel struck repeatedly on the
bar with much violence, we found the vessel to be making
as she lay at anchor, about one inch of water per hour
on carefully inspecting the hull, outside we found the
seams, butts & woodwork, with the planks broken & the caulking
loose, indicating to us that the vessel had been severely
strained the seams at stanchions & waterways showed signs
of straining but not to such an extent as the seams on the
outside of the vessel, especially in the fore & after sections
of the hull this latter circumstance gave us the impression
that the straining may have been caused by the heavy
range which the Captain says was experienced while
the vessel was lying at the Timaru Breakwater moored
forward & aft. After careful inspection & consideration we
are confidently of opinion that from what we have seen
above water & the fact of the vessel having struck on
the bar as reported, & making a considerable quantity of
water as she now lies in smooth water, the vessel is
quite unfit to perform her voyage to England in her
present condition & we therefore recommend that
the cargo be all discharged & the vessel placed in the
dry dock for further examination.

Wm. J. Bulger
10th Nov.

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